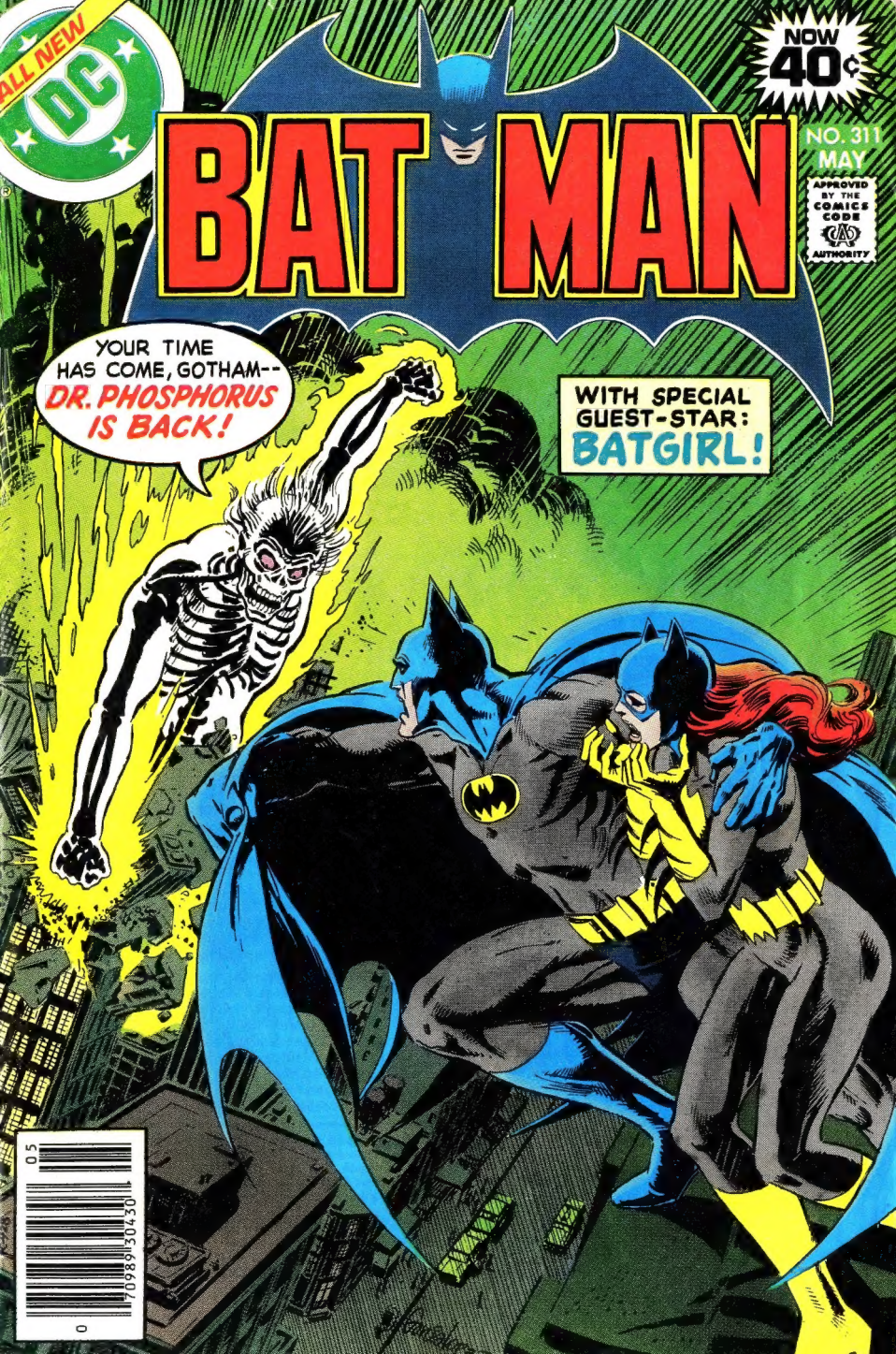
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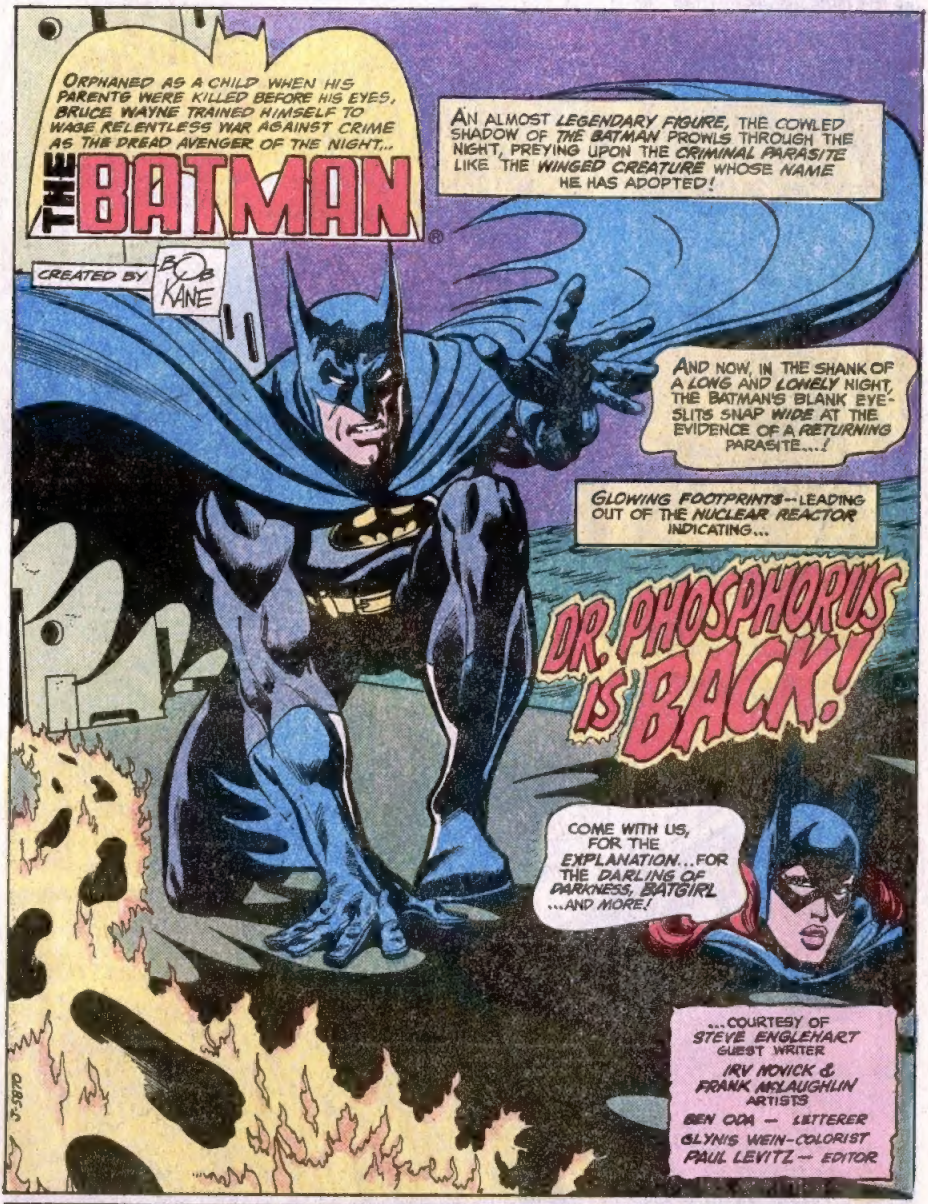
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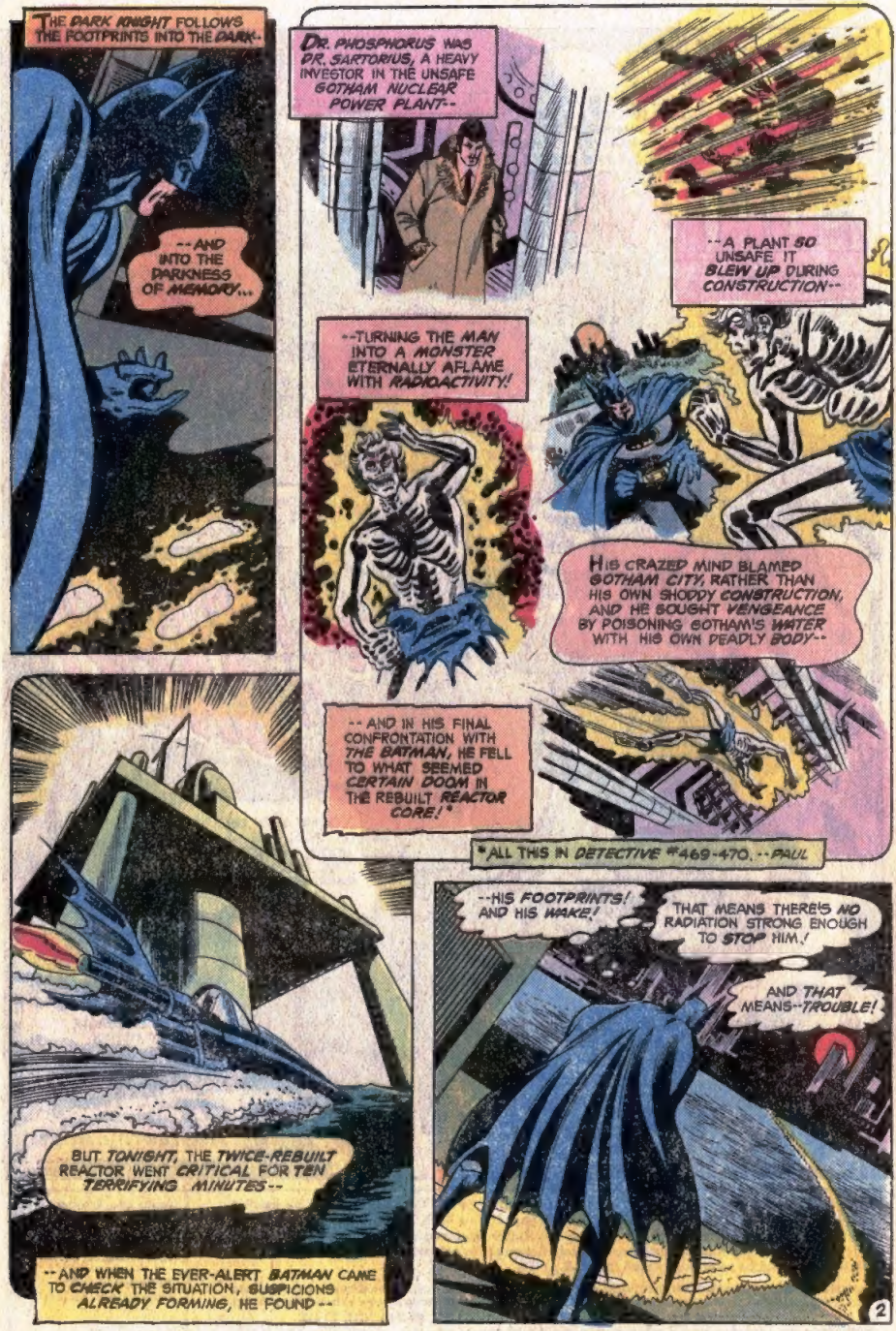
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--AND INTO THE DARKNESS OF MEMORY...
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--AND IN HIS FINAL CONFRONTATION WITH THE BATMAN, HE FELL TO WHAT SEEMED CERTAIN DOOM IN THE REBUILT REACTOR CORE!*
*ALL THIS IN DETECTIVE #469-470. --PAUL
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--AND WHEN THE EVER-ALERT BATMAN CAME TO CHECK THE SITUATION, SUSPICIONS ALREADY FORMING, HE FOUND--
--HIS FOOTPRINTS! AND HIS WAKE!
THAT MEANS THERE'S NO RADIATION STRONG ENOUGH TO STOP HIM!
AND THAT MEANS--TROUBLE!
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A QUARTER HOUR LATER AT THE CITY POLICE PIER...
THERE'S COMMISSIONER GORDON, JUST STARTING OFF FOR THE PLANT!
WON'T HE EVER LEAVE THESE MIDNIGHT CALLS TO YOUNGER MEN?
POLICE
COMMISSIONER--!
WHA--?
OFFICER! WHAT THE HELL--?!
KPOW!
THAT'S THE BATMAN!
YOU KNOW THE BATMAN!
NOT--NOT PERSONALLY, SIR! I--I MEAN, I KNOW ABOUT HIM, BUT--COMING OUT OF THE DARK LIKE THAT, HE--
--STARTLED ME, SIR--!
SORRY, SIR!
I WAS JUST WONDERING WHY YOU DIDN'T LEAVE THESE LATE CALLS TO YOUR MEN!
NOW YOU KNOW!
AHH--HE'S NEW! YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE THEM A LITTLE TIME, IS ALL!
I'M JUST CRANKY, BATMAN! TELL ME WHAT WENT ON OUT THERE!
AND WHEN HE HAS...
I'LL GET EVERY AVAILABLE MAN ON IT! PHOSPHORUS IS TOO DANGEROUS TO THIS CITY FOR US TO TAKE HALF-MEASURES!
AT LEAST, HE'S EASY TO SPOT!
I TOLD YOU THIS WOULD HAPPEN, COMMISSIONER!
NO PARKING
FLUTE PARKING
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WHAT'S THIS--?
FORGET IT, BATMAN! HE'S TALKING ABOUT THE CRITICAL REACTOR, NOT PHOSPHORUS!
THAT'S ONE OF THE ANTI-NUCLEAR PROTESTERS--PETER CURTIS, I THINK! THEY--AND WE--ARE GIRDING UP FOR A RALLY THEY'RE THROWING TOMORROW!
PETER, I CAN TELL YOU THE PROBLEM WAS NOT THE PLANT'S FAULT!
BATMAN, I DON'T CARE WHOSE FAULT IT WAS! GOTHAM CAME REAL CLOSE TO TAKING A TRIP TO THE MOON TONIGHT--
--AND AS LONG AS THAT PLANT IS OPERATING, THERE'S ALWAYS ANOTHER CHANCE!
WE WANT THAT PLACE SHUT DOWN!
WELL, YOU MAY BE RIGHT, BUT I'VE GOT ANOTHER PROBLEM ON MY HANDS RIGHT NOW!
I'LL BE IN TOUCH, COMMISSIONER!
SHUT DOWN THE PLANT--?
MY PLANT--?
WE'LL HAVE MORE ON THIS IN A MOMENT... BUT FIRST, LET'S LOOK TO WASHINGTON, D.C., AND--
PTAK!
--BATGIRL!
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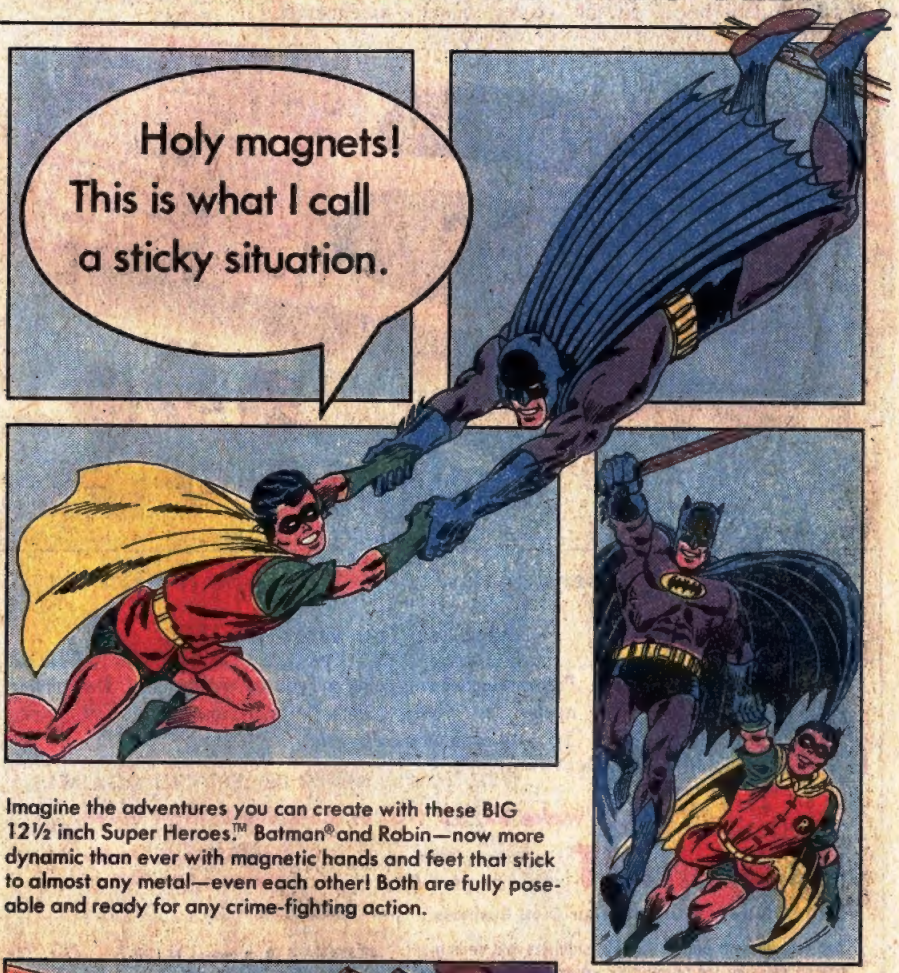

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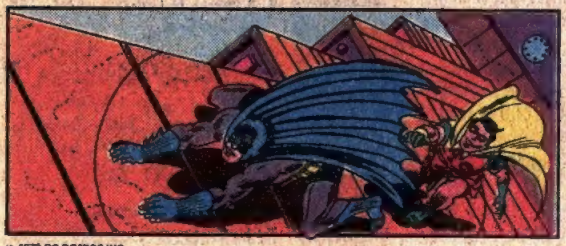

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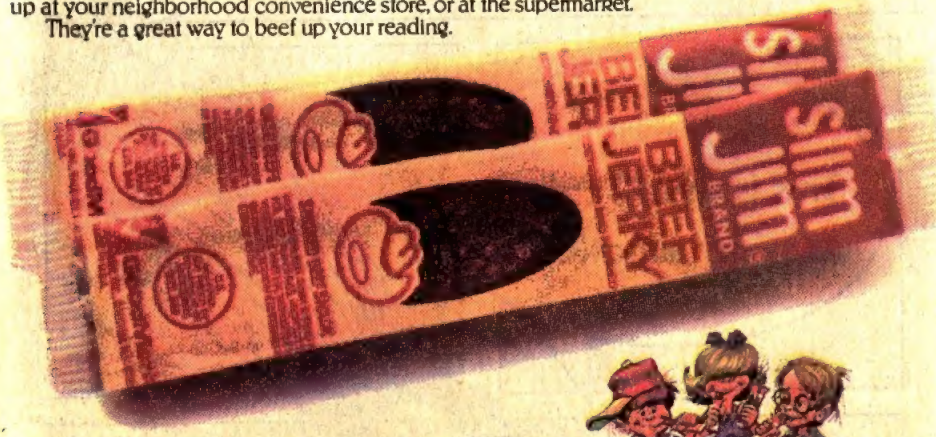

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THERE!
POW
POW!
CUTE, BATGIRL! VERY CUTE!
THANKS, MOTH! YOU'RE NOT SO BAD YOURSELF!
SO!
WAIT A MINUTE!
THIS IS TOO EASY!
THERE'S GOT TO BE A--
--TRICKKK!
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NOT LONG AFTER, AS DAWN SWEEPS OVER WASHINGTON...
THANKS, BATGIRL! I'VE SAID IT BEFORE AND I'LL SAY IT AGAIN: YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB!
YOU'RE WELCOME, SERGEANT! BELIEVE ME, I'D LOVE TO STICK AROUND AND HEAR MORE--
--BUT I'M ALREADY LATE FOR ANOTHER APPOINTMENT! I'VE GOT TO RUN!
GOOD NIGHT, GUYS, OR GOOD MORNING!
HMM...
YOU AND ME BOTH, BUDDY!
I LIKE THE COPS HERE-- THEY'RE MELLOWER THAN DADS!* BUT I WASN'T KIDDING ABOUT THAT APPOINTMENT!
AT TIMES LIKE THESE, I WISH I WEREN'T A CONGRESSWOMAN!
*BARBARA (BATGIRL) GORDON IS THE POLICE COMMISSIONER'S DAUGHTER... AS YOU WELL KNOW! -- PAUL!
IF I WERE JUST AN OFFICE FRUMP, I COULD PULL AN ALL-NIGHTER AND NOT WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT HOW I LOOKED THE MORNING AFTER!
BUT BEING IN THE PUBLIC EYE, I HAVE TO LOOK MY BEST AT ALL TIMES-- WHETHER I'M LATE OR NOT--
--AND THAT'S CAUSED MORE CLOSE CALLS THAN A HUNDRED KILLER MOTHS!
HOW DO YOU VOTE, MR. GARDNER?
NAY!
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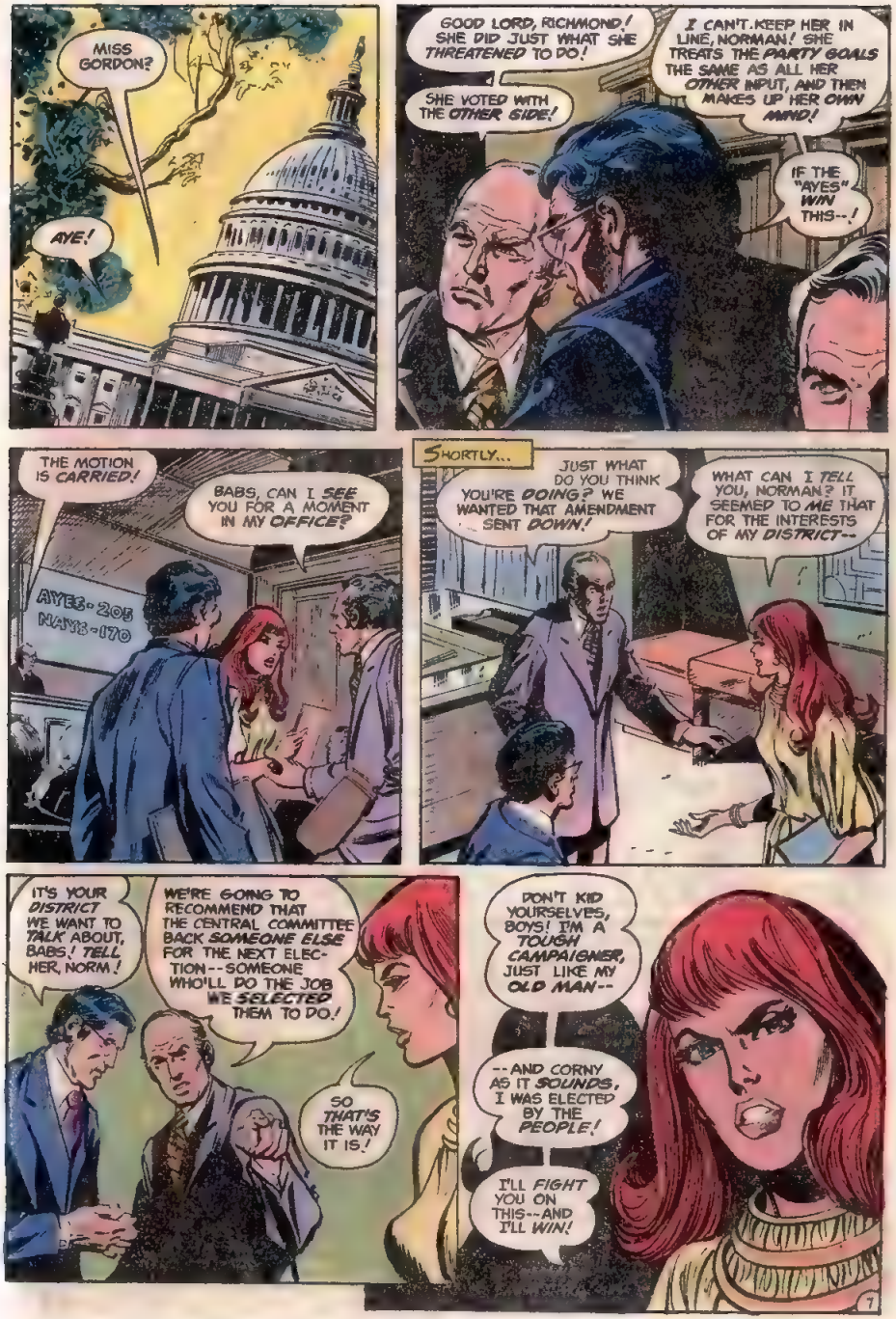
MISS GORDON?
AYE!
GOOD LORD, RICHMOND! SHE DID JUST WHAT SHE THREATENED TO DO!
I CAN'T KEEP HER IN LINE, NORMAN! SHE TREATS THE PARTY GOALS THE SAME AS ALL HER OTHER INPUT, AND THEN MAKES UP HER OWN MIND!
SHE VOTED WITH THE OTHER SIDE!
IF THE "AYES" WIN THIS--!
THE MOTION IS CARRIED!
BABS, CAN I SEE YOU FOR A MOMENT IN MY OFFICE?
AYES - 205
NAYS - 170
SHORTLY...
JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? WE WANTED THAT AMENDMENT SENT DOWN!
WHAT CAN I TELL YOU, NORMAN? IT SEEMED TO ME THAT FOR THE INTERESTS OF MY DISTRICT--
IT'S YOUR DISTRICT WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT, BABS! TELL HER, NORM!
WE'RE GOING TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE BACK SOMEONE ELSE FOR THE NEXT ELECTION--SOMEONE WHO'LL DO THE JOB WE SELECTED THEM TO DO!
SO THAT'S THE WAY IT IS!
DON'T KID YOURSELVES, BOYS! I'M A TOUGH CAMPAIGNER, JUST LIKE MY OLD MAN--
--AND CORNY AS IT SOUNDS, I WAS ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE!
I'LL FIGHT YOU ON THIS--AND I'LL WIN!

SO--NOW WE'VE MET ALL THE MAJOR PLAYERS IN OUR MELODRAMA! IT'S TIME TO GET MOVING...
...TO THE ARKHAM ASYLUM...
BATMAN! WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU THIS MORNING?
ARKHAM ASYLUM
I WANT TO SEE BOSS THORNE, DOCTOR! I KNOW HE WAS INVOLVED WITH THE MAN I'M HUNTING NOW, AND I WANT INFORMATION!
I'M SORRY, BATMAN -- BUT MR. THORNE'S CONDITION HAS CONTINUED TO DETERIORATE! HE CAN'T--
COME ON!
EEEEAAAGH!
THAT HOLE--!
THORNE! CAN YOU HEAR ME?
WHAT DID PHOSPHORUS WANT?
AAAHGHHHH!
HELP ME, DOCTOR! HELP ME!
I'M AFRAID YOU'RE ONE OF HIS PSYCHOSES, BATMAN! I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU--!
NEVER MIND!
THERE'S THE MAN I WANT!

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YEAH, SHE WAS SO BUSY WITH THEM SHE DIDN'T SEE THE STUN RAY. SMART, BOSS!
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NICE OF HER TO BRING US SOMETHING, HUH?
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AND YET...
CAN'T GAIN ANY GROUND ON HIM! HIS MUSCLES CAN'T BE THAT STRONG!
IT MUST BE HIS WEIGHT! AS A MASS OF FLAME, HE'S GOT THAT EXTRA LIFT GOING FOR HIM!
NO SENSE IN TRYING TO CATCH UP WITH HIM NOW--
LIKE THE WILL O' THE WISP, MY LIGHT SHALL BE SEEN AGAIN SOON, BATMAN--
--AND THEN I BURN!
YOU STOPPED ME ONCE, BUT YOU CANNOT STOP ME NOW! I HAVE SLEPT IN THE DEPTHS WITH THE DAZZLING DEATH, AND IT HAS GIVEN ME MORE LIFE!
PHOSPHORUS BURNS WHEN EXPOSED TO AIR! GOTHAM CITY WILL BURN WHEN EXPOSED TO ME -- ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO WANT TO CLOSE OFF MY PLANT FROM ME!
DR. PHOSPHORUS SHALL REIGN OVER ALL!
ABANDONING THE FRUITLESS CHASE, THE CAPED CRUSADER RETURNS TO THE ASYLUM...
BATMAN, MR. THORNE HAS BEEN MUMBLING SOMETHING ABOUT A RALLY--!
I KNOW!
YOU DO--?
HE JUST WANTED TO TELL ME-- JUST WANTED TO LET ME KNOW--! HE KNOWS HOW TO TREAT THE BOSS--!
FINE FELLOW, PHOSPHORUS--! I'LL MAKE HIM MY ENERGY CZAR--
MADMEN!
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BRUCE WAYNE RULES HIS ROOST BY PHONE TODAY, OKAYING CONSTRUCTION IN BRAZIL AND A MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR ON THURSDAY.' AT FOUR, HE CALLS IN A BUY ORDER ON STOCK.!
BUT THE BATMAN RULES GOTHAM IN PERSON -- STRIVING WITH COMMISSIONER GORDON TO BATTEN THE HATCHES ON THE TRAMP STEAMER THEY BOTH SAIL CALLED GOTHAM!
HE IS EVERYWHERE, AND RELENTLESS WITH THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT!
NO ONE, EVEN IN DAYLIGHT, CAN FACE THE COWLED BATMAN WITHOUT SOME SENSE OF AWE --
--AND GOTHAM HOLDS QUITE A GROUP OF AWED PEOPLE BY NIGHTFALL-- WHEN THE RALLY STARTS!
HEY, LOOK, MAN! CHECK THIS OUT!
THE BATMAN, FAR OUT!
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY, TEDDY! THAT GUY'S ALWAYS GIVEN ME THE HEEBIE-JEEBIES, EVER SINCE I WAS A KID!
WHADDA YOU TALKIN' ABOUT, MAN?
HEY LOOK, YOU KNOW HOW INTENSE HE CAN BE! I JUST DON'T LIKE A GUY THAT POWERFUL RUNNING AROUND LOOSE, Y'KNOW?
I MEAN, NOBODY KNOWS WHO HE REALLY IS, RIGHT?
AW HEY, MAN, THE BATMAN'S NEVER DONE ANYBODY WRONG! NEVER! HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF A TIME?
SURE, I KNOW HE'S INTENSE, BUT I ALSO KNOW I TRUST HIM! I KNOW HE'S GONNA DO HIS BEST--FOR US!
FOR US -- OR FOR THE LAW? THE DAY'S COMING WHEN WE'LL HOLD OUR RALLIES ON THE PLANT R/S AND GET ARRESTED FOR TRESPASSING!
WHAT'S HE GONNA DO THEN?
SORRY, JAMEY -- I JUST DON'T SEE THE BATMAN SHOVING PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATORS INTO PADDY WAGONS!
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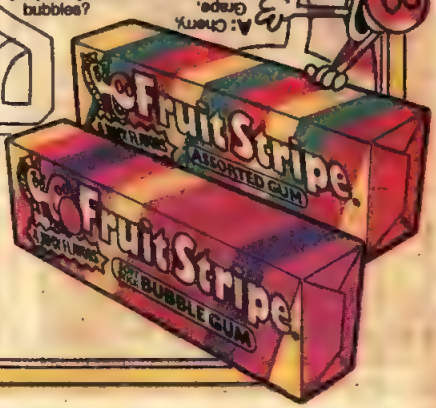

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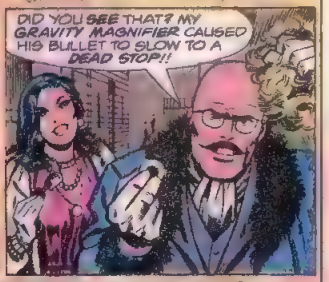

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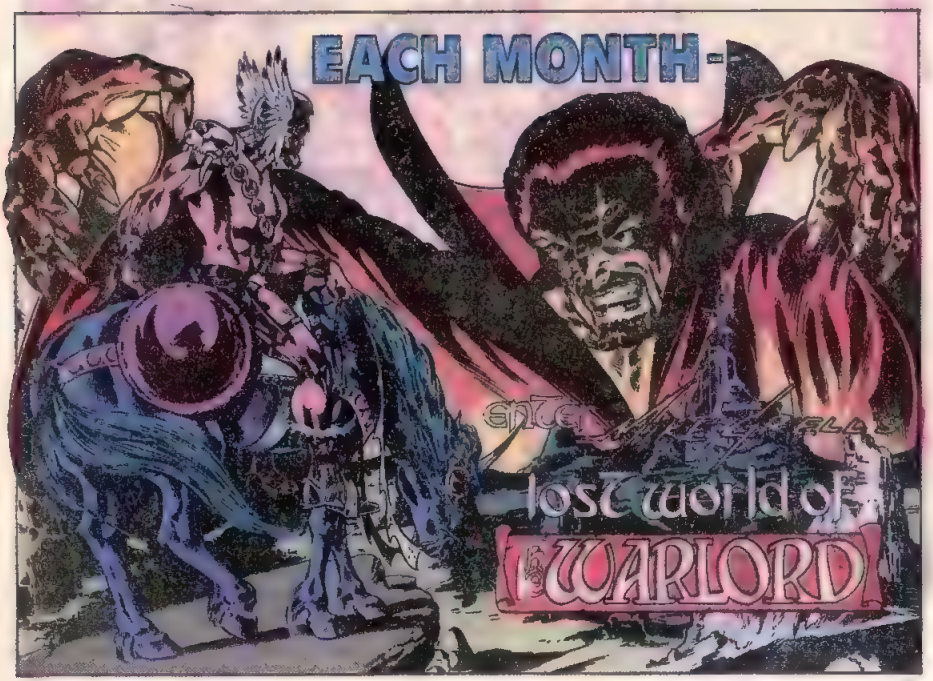
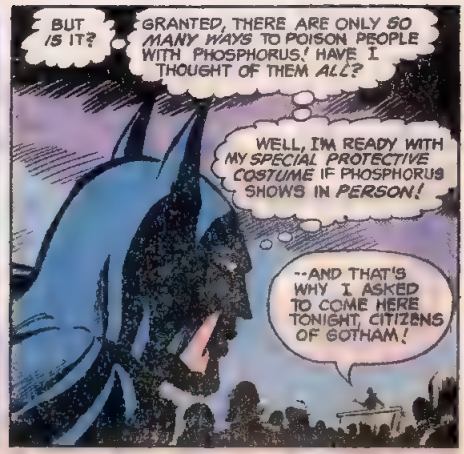
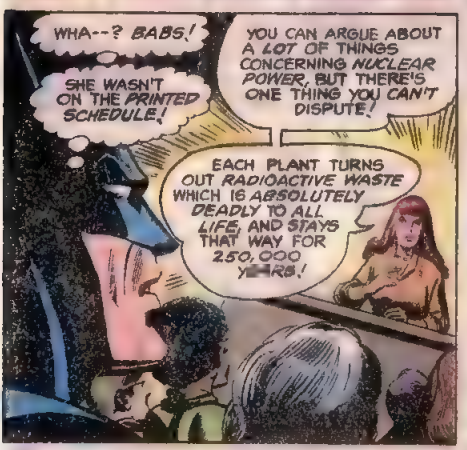
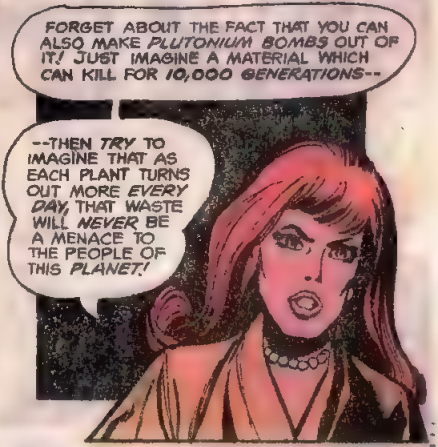
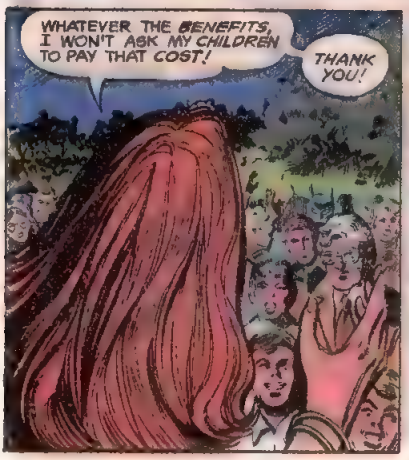


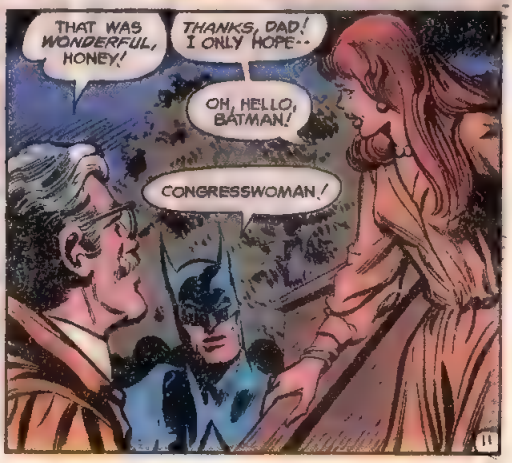
HE LETS THE COPS DO *THEIR* TRIP! HE DOES HIS *OWN* TRIP!
EVERYTHING LOOKS *SECURE!* IF THE *REST* OF THE TOWN'S AS SOLID AS THIS *PARK*, WE'RE HOME *FREE!*
AND HE'LL LET US DO *OURS!*


BUT *IS* IT?
GRANTED, THERE ARE ONLY *SO MANY WAYS* TO POISON PEOPLE WITH PHOSPHORUS! HAVE I THOUGHT OF THEM *ALL?*
WELL, I'M READY WITH MY *SPECIAL PROTECTIVE COSTUME* IF PHOSPHORUS SHOWS IN *PERSON!*
--AND THAT'S WHY I ASKED TO COME HERE TONIGHT, CITIZENS OF GOTHAM!


WHA--? *BABS!*
SHE WASN'T ON THE *PRINTED SCHEDULE!*
YOU CAN ARGUE ABOUT A *LOT* OF THINGS CONCERNING *NUCLEAR POWER*, BUT THERE'S ONE THING YOU *CAN'T* DISPUTE!
EACH PLANT TURNS OUT *RADIOACTIVE WASTE* WHICH IS *ABSOLUTELY DEADLY* TO ALL *LIFE*, AND *STAYS* THAT WAY FOR 250,000 YEARS!


FORGET ABOUT THE FACT THAT YOU CAN ALSO MAKE *PLUTONIUM BOMBS* OUT OF IT! JUST IMAGINE A MATERIAL WHICH CAN KILL FOR *10,000 GENERATIONS*--
--THEN *TRY* TO IMAGINE THAT AS EACH PLANT TURNS OUT MORE *EVERY DAY*, THAT WASTE WILL *NEVER* BE A MENACE TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS *PLANET!*


WHATEVER THE *BENEFITS*, I WON'T ASK *MY CHILDREN* TO PAY THAT *COST!*
THANK YOU!


THAT WAS *WONDERFUL*, HONEY!
THANKS, DAD! I ONLY HOPE--
OH, HELLO, BATMAN!
CONGRESSWOMAN!

"CONGRESSWOMAN"! WHAT A WAY TO GREET A GIRL WHO'S PRACTICALLY YOUR NIECE!
OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ALL THOSE TIMES I WATCHED YOU AND DAD WORK OUT SOME EMERGENCY STRATEGY AT OUR PLACE?
NO, I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN, BABS!
--ANY MORE THAN I'VE FORGOTTEN ALL THE TIMES I WORKED OUT STRATEGY WITH YOU, BATGIRL!
BUT YOUR FATHER AND I HAVE OTHER THINGS ON OUR MINDS TONIGHT!
I KNOW! MY STAFF DIDN'T WANT ME TO COME WHEN THEY HEARD, BUT THIS IS AN ISSUE I'M HEAVILY BEHIND!
AND--I'VE GOT POLITICAL PROBLEMS! THE EXPOSURE'S IMPORTANT, TOO!
AHH, SOMETIMES I HATE POLITICS! I'D RATHER JUST BE BATGIRL, AND FORGET ABOUT EVERYTHING ELSE!
BUT THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO GET ANYTHING DONE--AND AS LONG AS I STAY IN WASHINGTON, I WON'T GIVE UP MY CHANCE TO CONTRIBUTE!
ANYWAY--
--KNOWING YOU, I'M SURE BATGIRL'S NOT NEEDED! THE ONLY THING THAT COULD THREATEN THIS RALLY IS RAIN!
YEAH! AND DR. PHOSPHORUS--
--SHALL REIGN OVER ALL!
REIGN?
RAIN!
BATMAN? WHAT--?
BABS, I'VE GOT TO GET TO THE AIRPORT!
NOT BY YOURSELF! I'M FINISHED HERE, AND IF THERE'S ACTION--
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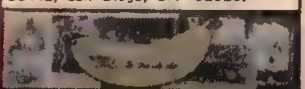

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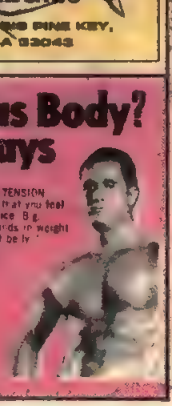

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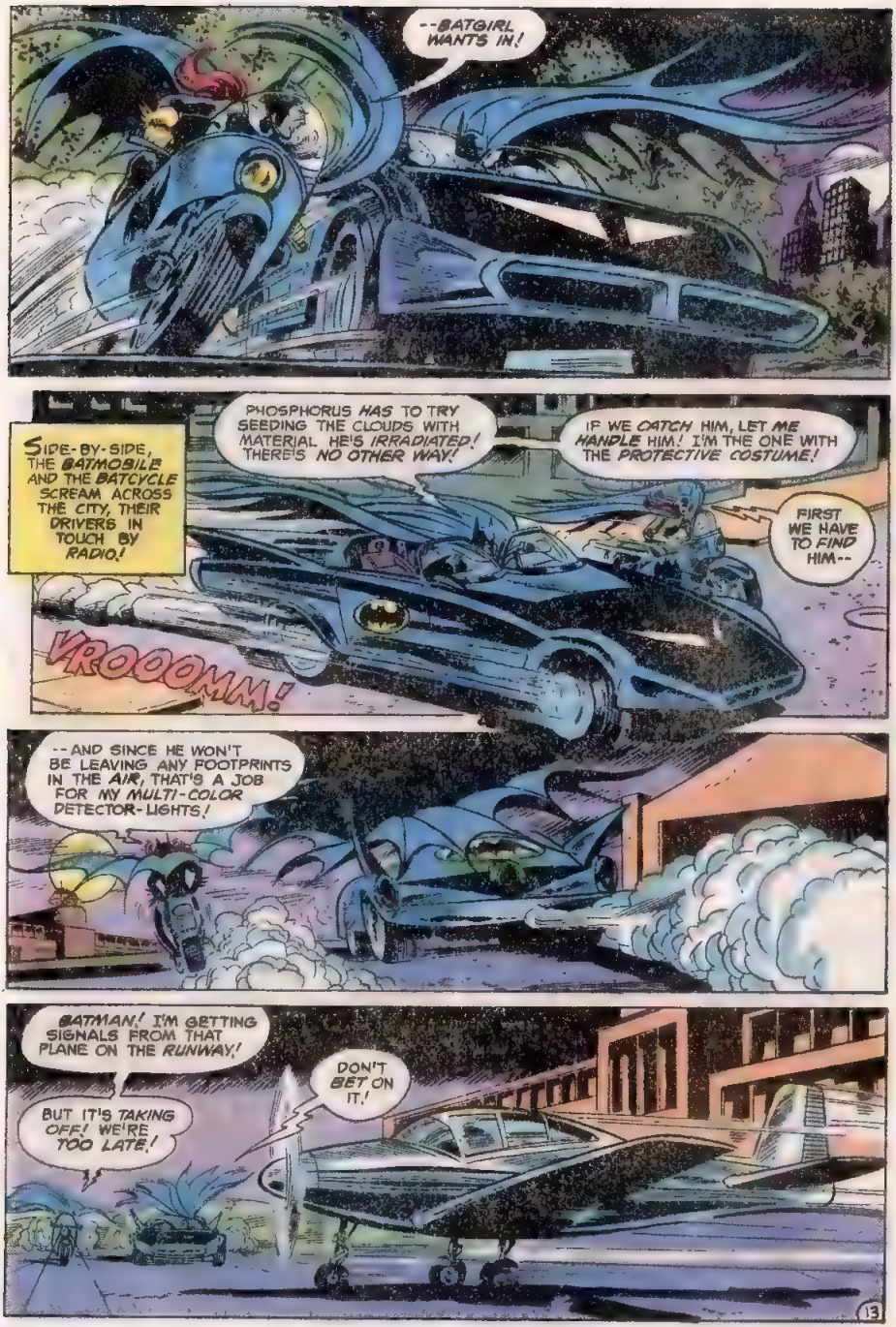
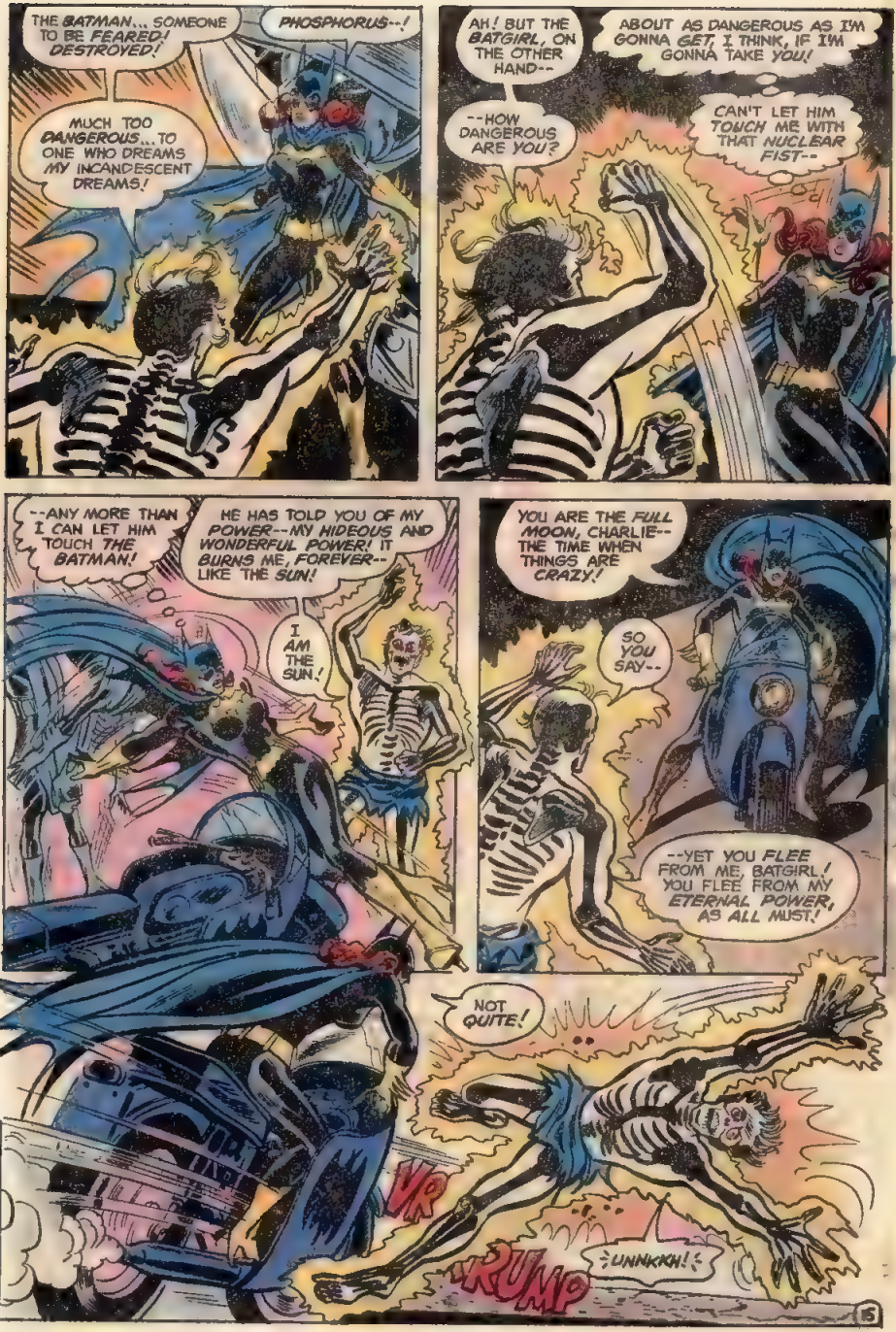

--BATGIRL WANTS IN!
SIDE-BY-SIDE, THE BATMOBILE AND THE BATCYCLE SCREAM ACROSS THE CITY, THEIR DRIVERS IN TOUCH BY RADIO!
PHOSPHORUS HAS TO TRY SEEDING THE CLOUDS WITH MATERIAL. HE'S IRRADIATED! THERE'S NO OTHER WAY!
IF WE CATCH HIM, LET ME HANDLE HIM! I'M THE ONE WITH THE PROTECTIVE COSTUME!
FIRST WE HAVE TO FIND HIM--
VROOOMM!
--AND SINCE HE WON'T BE LEAVING ANY FOOTPRINTS IN THE AIR, THAT'S A JOB FOR MY MULTI-COLOR DETECTOR-LIGHTS!
BATMAN! I'M GETTING SIGNALS FROM THAT PLANE ON THE RUNWAY!
DON'T BET ON IT!
BUT IT'S TAKING OFF! WE'RE TOO LATE!

HEEDLESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES, THE DARK KNIGHT GUNS THE BATMOBILE INTO THE PATH OF THE ONRUSHING PLANE . .
HE'S UP TO SPEED-- BUT I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!
SKREEEEEEE--
ANOTHER FIVE SECONDS AND HE'LL GO OVER ME! HAVE TO--
KRASH!
BATMAN!
HE'S NOT MOVING! HIS HARNESS HELD HIM, BUT--
THE BATMAN...! HE-HE STOPPED ME! ANOTHER MOMENT-- I WOULD HAVE BEEN AWAY!
OH WOW--THAT'S GREAT! PHOSPHORUS CAME THROUGH WITHOUT A DENT!


THE BATMAN... SOMEONE TO BE FEARED! DESTROYED!
PHOSPHORUS--!
MUCH TOO DANGEROUS... TO ONE WHO DREAMS MY INCANDESCENT DREAMS!
AH! BUT THE BATGIRL, ON THE OTHER HAND--
ABOUT AS DANGEROUS AS I'M GONNA GET, I THINK, IF I'M GONNA TAKE YOU!
--HOW DANGEROUS ARE YOU?
CAN'T LET HIM TOUCH ME WITH THAT NUCLEAR FIST--
--ANY MORE THAN I CAN LET HIM TOUCH THE BATMAN!
HE HAS TOLD YOU OF MY POWER--MY HIDEOUS AND WONDERFUL POWER! IT BURNS ME, FOREVER-- LIKE THE SUN!
I AM THE SUN!
YOU ARE THE FULL MOON, CHARLIE-- THE TIME WHEN THINGS ARE CRAZY!
SO YOU SAY--
--YET YOU FLEE FROM ME, BATGIRL! YOU FLEE FROM MY ETERNAL POWER, AS ALL MUST!
NOT QUITE!
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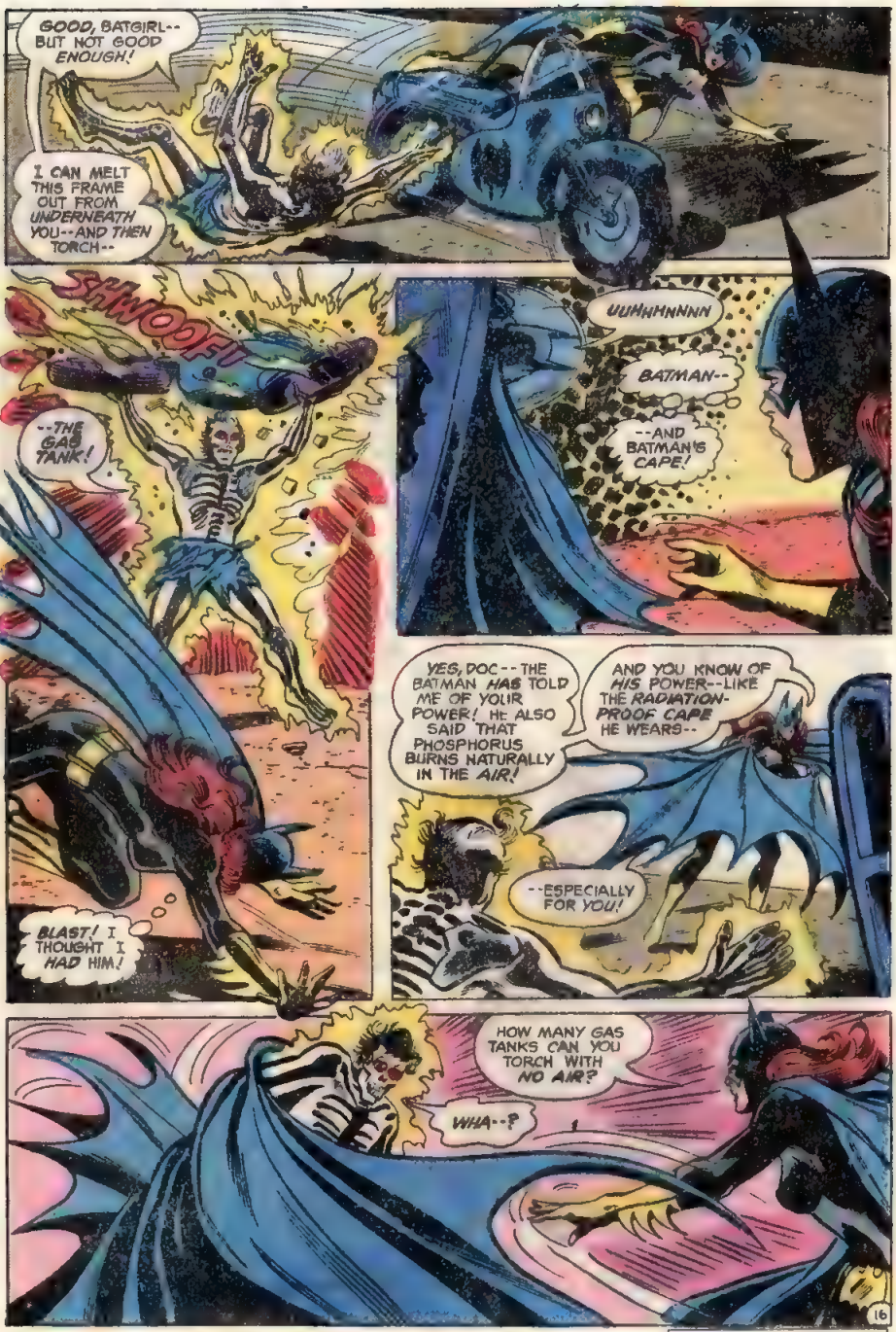
GOOD, BATGIRL-- BUT NOT GOOD ENOUGH!
I CAN MELT THIS FRAME OUT FROM UNDERNEATH YOU--AND THEN TORCH--
SHWOOF!
--THE GAS TANK!
BLAST! I THOUGHT I HAD HIM!
UUHHHNNNN
BATMAN--
--AND BATMAN'S CAPE!
YES, DOC--THE BATMAN HAS TOLD ME OF YOUR POWER! HE ALSO SAID THAT PHOSPHORUS BURNS NATURALLY IN THE AIR!
AND YOU KNOW OF HIS POWER--LIKE THE RADIATION-PROOF CAPE HE WEARS--
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WHA--?

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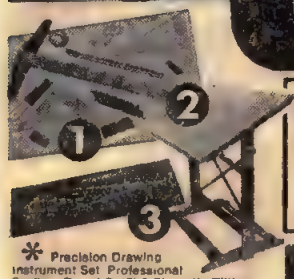

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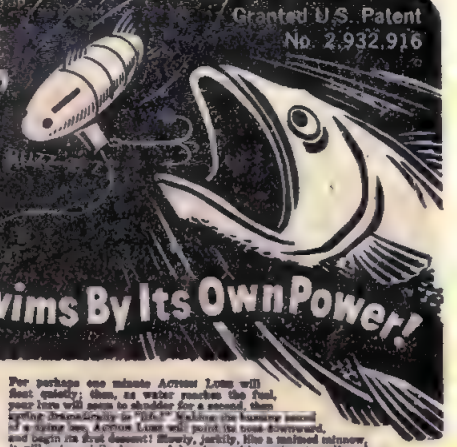

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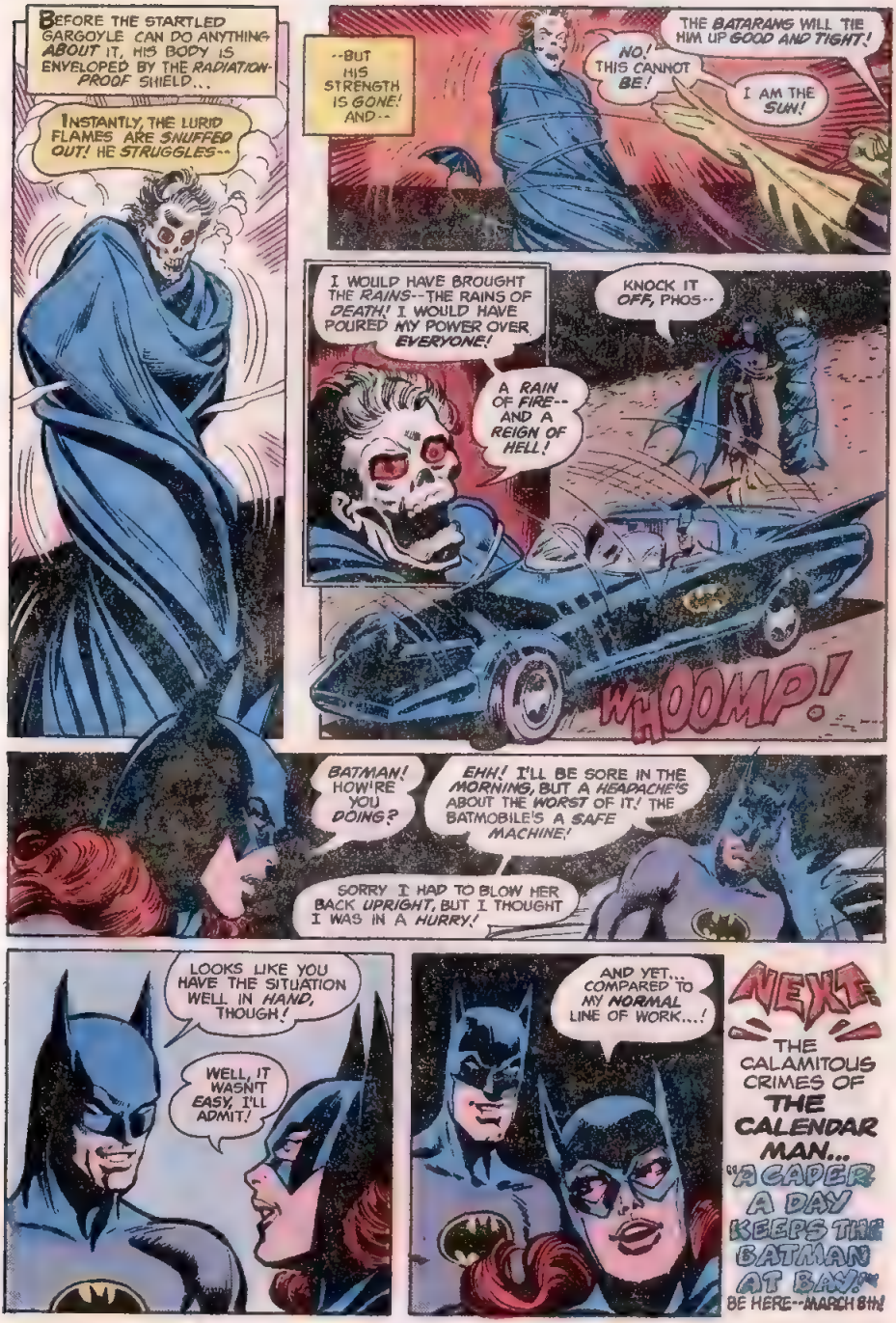
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Dear Readers,

A change in our production schedules has caught us without any mail on BATMAN #306 on hand, so we're going to go out on a limb, and do one of the most daring types of lettercolumns: a statement of our plans and policies for the future. We don't need to tell you how often, in this everchanging world of comics, such statements have come to naught.

Nonetheless, we feel confident in our ability to deliver. With all three Batman titles consolidated under our editorial guidance (the first time in fifteen years that one editor has had such a firm control over the character), and with the best creative team we could ask for, we think you're in for an exciting time.

The regular writer of this magazine is Len Wein, who has scripted a few Batman tales over the years (including the memorable "Bat-Murderer" cycle), and who returned to DC last year after a few years astray. Len's plans for the series include the return of most of Batman's major villains, including Two-Face in the near future, and several oldies but goodies, like the Calendar Man who tackles Batman next month. Not to mention at least one new villain who's even now on our drawing boards.

This issue, a special fill-in scripted by Steve Englehart, shows the back-up strength in our Bat-arsenal. With Denny O'Neil regularly scripting Batman in DETECTIVE COMICS, and Bob Haney tied up with THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD, we turned to Steve for a momentary return to the glory of his DETECTIVE cycle of last year, and he justified our faith.

Returning to these pages after a four-year absence, Irv Novick made his impact last month, but we think we should give him a lengthy welcome. Irv's been drawing comics almost as long as they've existed, but it hasn't stopped him from accumulating a body of knowledge about countless other subjects...and more degrees than we can remember. His Batman was the definitive Gotham Guardian in the early seventies, and we're thrilled to have him back. But just in case his pencil falters even momentarily, John Calnan remains waiting patiently in the wings to pitch in, while Don Newton works away at the DETECTIVE COMICS series and Jim Aparo continues his seemingly endless series of BRAVE AND BOLD adventures.

On the inking side, we have Dick Giordano and Frank McLaughlin serving as our alternate masters of the inkpot. It's our concerted opinion that their styles mesh well enough to allow them to trade off as deadlines require, without disturbing our hopefully consistent new image of the Batman.

In future months, you can look for a more consistent, more realistic background for Batman's epic deeds. A Gotham City whose streets we hope you'll learn as well as the paths of your own home town. A cast of characters who will weave back and forth between the three magazines, with plot threads that will twist no matter how carefully you watch...but enthrall no matter how casually you peruse the various titles. Frankly, we hope to hook you on the Batman so you want to read every single page we produce featuring the Darknight Detective.

But like all good things, there's a catch to our plans. We have a firm commitment from the top at DC to make our magazines even better than they've ever been. We feel we have the assembled talent necessary to do it. All we need to know is exactly how to go about it.

What we need is your commitment to the idea, and your efforts to make the title of this page a reality. We need signals from you to guide us, to set a direction for this magazine, and its companion titles. For example:

* Our current plans call for the BATMAN magazine to regularly feature super-villains in its stories. These villains will range from the awesome to the obscure (trivia fans should prepare for the return of Tweedledum and Tweedledee later this year), but almost every issue will have a costumed villain. Would you like us to follow through on these plans? Or would you like more emphasis on straight "detective" stories such as the ones we're scheduling, appropriately enough, for DETECTIVE COMICS.

* Recent issues of this magazine have featured subplots that develop slowly...introducing characters like Selina Kyle over a period of issues, and only hinting at what their final role in Batman's life will be. Would you like to see this continue? Or do you prefer all your loose ends tied up every issue?

* This issue guest-stars Batgirl, for the first time since BATMAN #214. Would you like to see her fighting side by side with Batman more often? Or would you like to see more of Robin in these pages? Or both?

* Although we're now back to only about seventeen pages of story in each issue, there's no iron clad law that says we have to feature only one story. Would you like to see us try a few two-story issues? Either with two Batman stories, or with some other character featured in the second tale?

* And finally, we've been contemplating a cross-over: starting a story in this magazine and ending it in one of our other titles. Does that concept intrigue you or do you think it's more hassle than it's worth?

We'd appreciate hearing your views on all these questions, as well as any other ideas you might have for where we can take the Batman group of magazines. Because if you don't tell us how to make the best comics in the business, we'll never be perfect.

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BRAVE AND BOLD CELEBRATES 150th ISSUE

(Gotham City)—Bruce Wayne has been kidnapped by terrorists! He can't escape without revealing his other identity as *Batman*! Only one person can help him now—but who?

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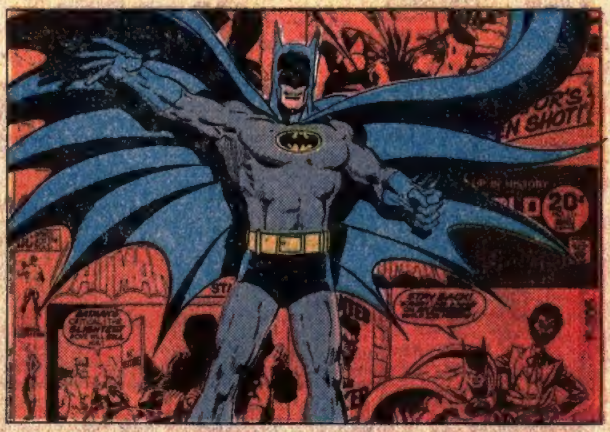
Hint: The mystery guest is one who has never before teamed up with Batman in the pages of *B&B*. Check out your solution when *BRAVE AND THE BOLD* #150 goes on sale the fourth week of February.



ASK THE ANSWER MAN

Q: How much is *BRAVE & BOLD* #130 worth?—Joe Accardi. *A*: In good condition, only 18¢.

Q: Who drew the *Superman/Batman / Aquaman* comic strip which appeared exclusively in England around 1969?—Tim Rogerson. *A*: The only answer I can come up with is that it was adapted from the American *Batman* strip which ran while the TV show was first-run, the handiwork of E. Nelson Bridwell and Al Plastino.

Q: Who is your strongest villain?—Andrew Smith. *A*: That's a toughie. My vote would have to be for either the *Composite Superman* or the *Parasite*.

Q: Was there ever a British *Superman* comic?—Noel Scotford. *A*: While the Man of Steel's adventures are published in countries all over the world, I believe the comics you get in Britain are the same ones we have here in the States.

Q: Could you tell me when the Earth-1 *Supermen*, *Batman* and *Flash* took over from their Earth-2 counterparts in *SUPERMAN*, *ACTION*, *BATMAN*, *DETECTIVE*, and *FLASH*?—David Battersby. *A*: *FLASH* is easiest, since it was *FLASH* #105 when the new Scarlet Speedster got his own magazine. For *Batman* it is generally assumed to be *BATMAN* #164 and *DETECTIVE* #327, the issues Julie Schwartz took over. As for the Man of Steel, I don't think it's ever been officially decided (though I seem to remember somebody saying once that *SUPERMAN* #127 was the last Earth-2 adventure). In *ACTION*, it would have to be before #252, when *Supergirl* first appeared.

Q: Will Morgan Edge appear in the *Superman* movie? If so, who will play him?—Mike Goldsmith. *A*: Edge will not appear. Clark is only a Daily Planet reporter in the movie.

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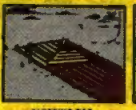
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